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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q79439

Kaoru IWATO

Appln. No.: 10/760,497

Group Art Unit: 1752

Confirmation No.: 1130

Examiner: Rosemary E. Ashton

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For: IMAGE FORMING MATERIAL

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Preliminary Matter Regarding Three Information Disclosure Statements

Applicant notes that Information Disclosure Statements were filed in the present application on March 11, 2005, October 25, 2004, and January 21, 2004 (it is noted that the present Office Action is in response to the October 25, 2004 filing, so the March 11, 2005 disclosure statement apparently had not yet been entered into the PTO's file when the Office Action was prepared). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all three disclosure statements and return initialed copies of the corresponding PTO/SB/08 forms with the next communication from the PTO.

Election of Species Requirement

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that due to the numerous onium compounds recited in claim 8, Applicant must elect one onium compound for examination. The Examiner indicates that if the ammonium cation is chosen for examination, claims 1-14 will be examined, but if an onium salt other than ammonium is elected, only claims 8-14 will be examined (because claims 1-7 only read on the ammonium salt). The Examiner advises that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect a sulfonium ion without traverse. Applicants submit that claims 8 and 10-14 are readable on the elected species. Further, per MPEP 803.02, Applicants submit that if the Examiner finds the elected species to be allowable, she should go on to examine non-elected species, and such an examination is respectfully requested.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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